

REMARKS

Claims 1,2, 4, 6-23, 25 and 27-43 are in the case and presented for reconsideration. The Specification has been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Specification and drawings have been objected to for the informality of making reference to "Table 1" in the Specification although not labeled as such in Fig. 6. Accordingly, the Specification has been amended in order to reflect this change accordingly. Therefore, these objections are believed to have been satisfied.

Claims 1-2, 4, 7-11, 21-23, 25 and 28-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admission of the prior art in view of U.S. Patent 5,280,222 (von der Heide et al.) and U.S. Patent 4,538,082 (Hinke et al.) or U.S. Patent 4,639,670 (Normann). Claims 6, 12-18, 20, 27, 33-39 and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admission of the prior art in view of von der Heide et al. and Hinke et al. or Normann as applied to Claims 1, 4, 11, 21, 25 and 32 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,247,601 (Wiegand). Claims 19 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admission of the prior art in view of von der Heide et al. and Hinke et al. or Normann as applied to Claims 9 and 30 above and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,437,963 (Yeoman). Claims 21, 25, 28-32, 41 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admission of the prior art in view of European Patent 0348557 (Honkura et al.). Claims 21, 25, 28-32 and 41-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admission of the prior art in view of U.S. Patent 6,270,591 (Chiriac et al.).

Applicant believes that these prior art rejections have been traversed in Applicant's prior responses and that Applicant's claimed present invention is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious by these references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully seeks to have its position considered on Appeal and a Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith with Brief on Appeal to shortly follow.

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Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested for purpose of Appeal.

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